



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

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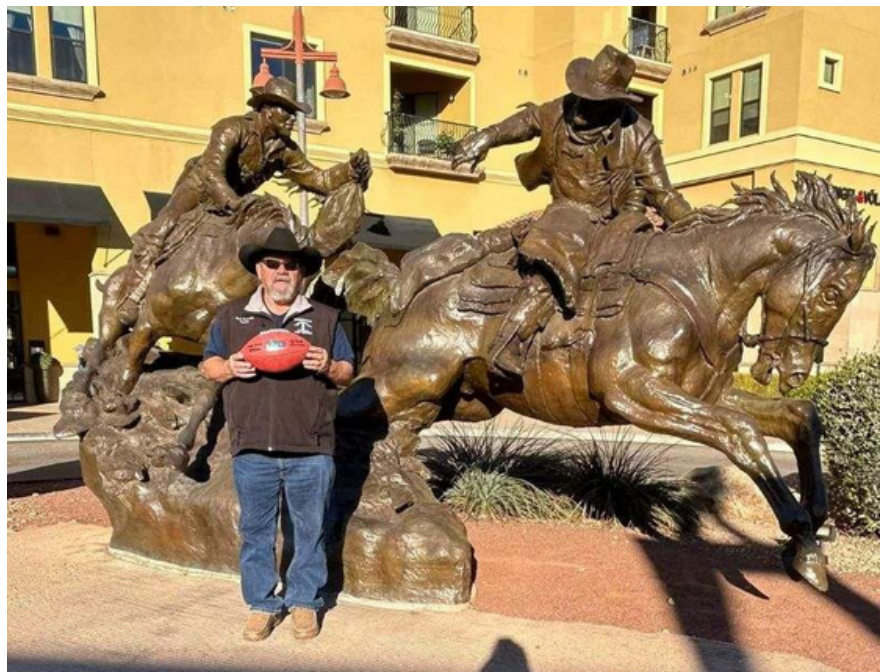


Mayor Chris Higgins had the honor of driving in the Hashknife Pony Express Parade in Holbrook on January 31, 2023 for the unveiling of the Hashknife Pony Express statue. In attendance were Hubert Nanty and John Giles from the Mazatzal Hotel & Casino as well as District 1 Supervisor Steve Christensen and his wife Karen. Mayor Higgins also met the sculptor of the statue Scott Rogers and Holbrook Mayor Kathleen Smith. The Hashknife Pony Express ride continues to celebrate our western heritage and bring our great communities together.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager



Captain Mark Reynolds of the Hashknife Pony Express with the official game ball for Super Bowl LVII.



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



Recreation Coordinator, Justin Hewitt, and his Recreational Youth Soccer Lead Official, Joel Van Zile, are working together to plan the upcoming Spring Soccer League for PreK-6th grade. Registration opened January 24th and goes through February 24, 2023 or until they reach capacity.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



If you drive through Rumsey Park, you might notice the Ramada's are getting a makeover. The Parks and Recreation Department is working with a local vendor on several painting projects. All of the ramadas and restrooms at Rumsey are scheduled to be completed along with some other improvements such as new fixtures in the restrooms.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



A HERD OF ELK ENJOYING THE FRESH SNOW ON THE SOUTH MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Welcome Karen Stallings,
Procurement and Contract Officer**



Karen has an MBA and over 25 years of experience in business management/administration operations, which includes 14 years of procurement, contract management and negotiating with vendors. Her experience also includes budgeting, finance, accounting, policy creation/implementation, human resources, and auditing. Her recent positions include the Contract Administrator for the Town of Queen Creek; Program Administrator for ADOT; Auditor for ADOR; and the Controller/Project Manager (which included handling all procurement) for a Construction Company. She has also been a real estate agent since 2007 and is a current AZ Notary.

Karen is already tied into our community having owned a vacation home here in Payson for 7 years. She has enjoyed the awesome summer weekends in Rim Country, including exploring the trails in her jeep. She is a classic car enthusiast and is already participating in the local car shows and parades. She looks forward to many more years here in Payson.

PAYSON LIBRARY

PAYSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

328 N McLane Rd, Payson, AZ 85541; 928-474-9260

www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library.org

FEBRUARY 2023



BLACK HISTORY MONTH
February 2023

Celebrating Achievements & Contributions of Black Americans

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am 		Black History Month Presentation on Achievements & Contributions of Black Americans 1:00 pm Learn to Crochet Entire Family Welcome! Sign-up 1:30 pm	
	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am		Valentine's Day Craft! 1:00 Learn to Crochet Entire Family Welcome! Sign-up! 1:30 pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am 	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am		House of Voodoo Reptile Sanctuary – Hands-on Meet & Greet animals! 1:00 pm Learn to Crochet Sign-up! 1:30 pm	Monster Manual – Extract DNA from a Strawberry! 12:00 Noon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	LIBRARY CLOSED Presidents Day!	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am		Learn to Crochet Entire Family Welcome! Sign-up! 1:30 pm	
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am	Celebrate WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH March 	Discover Women History! 1:00 pm 	Solar Science – Build Solar Oven to Cook S'Mores & EAT! 12:00 Noon

BEELINE BUS

Congratulations to the Beeline Bus Team



Voted 2023 Best Transportation Service in Payson at the Payson Roundup's 2023 Best of the Rim.

STREETS DEPARTMENT

ROW Drainage Maintenance

Among our brushing and pruning chores, we are also beginning to ramp up pre-inspection of our adopted waterways throughout the town. Many waterways underpass primary roadways in town and vegetation that we cannot maintain in private property backyards can make its way to these piped areas and create blockages. We endeavor to keep all upstream congregation areas clear and lowered in order to handle any surprise storms or flows that may overwhelm water ways such as these.



The water crossing at Forest Dr, is well known for running high with water during each storm. Even small blockages on the upstream side can cause an overflow of water to cross the roadway.

STREETS DEPARTMENT



The Street Operations page on the Town's website will soon be featuring additional photos, tips and FAQs regarding how our department operates and how residents can help. We thank you all for your continued watchfulness and respect for our operators who keep Payson's roadways and ROWs safe and operational.

WATER DEPARTMENT

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CUSTOMER SHUT OFF WATER VALVE IS LOCATED?



- Town Code prohibits unauthorized use of the Town's water meter shut off valves.
- Customer Shutoff Valves are your way to turn off the main water supply serving your service for
 - Leaks
 - Long Term absences like vacations
 - Freeze Protection



- Locations may vary, but generally located next to Town's water meter.
- We recommend being familiar with using your valve prior to an emergency.
- Need help? Contact our office at 472-5100

End of Report

Next Report: February 22, 2023

